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King Eider, First Place
By Carly Foerster, age 9, Art teacher: Nancy Hamm
Emma Wilson Elementary School, Chico

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 First Quarter	2 San Mateo International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair (360) 693-3700 Ground Hog Day	3 San Luis NWR Established 1967 Jr. Pheasant Hunt Monterey and San Luis Obispo Co. (805) 238-4236
4 San Mateo ISE Expo Youth Fair (360) 693-3700 Jr. Pheasant Hunt Monterey and San Luis Obispo Co. (805) 238-4236	5	6	7	8 San Diego Bay Bird Festival, San Diego County (877) 763-5483 Full Moon	9	10 Duck Days, SF Bay NWR (408) 262-5513 Pacific Southwest Wildfowl Arts Festival San Diego (858) 271-1714
11 San Diego Bay Bird Festival (877) 763-5483 Pacific Southwest Wildfowl Arts Festival San Diego (858) 271-1714	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Last Quarter	15	16 Salton Sea International Bird Festival, Imperial County (760) 344-5359 California Duck Days, Davis, CA (530) 758-1286 Pleasanton International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair (360) 693-3700	17 Grizzly Island WMA Established 1932
18 Salton Sea International Bird Festival, Imperial County (760) 344-5359 California Duck Days Davis, CA (530) 758-1286 Pleasanton International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair (360) 693-3700	19 Presidents' Day	20 Whale Fest Ventura Harbor (805) 644-0169	21	22	23 New Moon	24
25	26	27	28			Mallard Honorable Mention By Vanessa Lancaster Age 19 Art teacher: Jillana Marshall Lucerne Valley High School, Lucerne Valley

The king eider is the largest of all North American ducks, averaging five and a half pounds. In its northern distribution, the king eider builds its nest on the ground, near fresh or salt water.

King eiders have a reputation for being somewhat fearless ducks. When approached by humans or other commotion, eiders will often stand their ground and refuse to move.

Eskimos used eider skin for making blankets and undergarments. After the feathers are plucked, eider skin is very soft and pliable.



Wood Duck, Honorable Mention
By Chase Close, age 15, Art teacher: Paula Flohr
Sheldon High School, Sacramento